GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:538
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IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES FOR DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the government is aware of the neglected condition of disabled as appeared in Times of India, dated February 08, 2005;

(b) If so, the facts thereof;

(c) The reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) The specific measures the Government proposes to take to rectify the glaring omissions in preparation of data and implementation of schemes for the disabled?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.538 for answer on 3.3.2005 by Shri Ravichandran Sippiparai regarding Implementation of Schemes for Disabled.

(a) to (d): Facts on the specific issues raised in the press clipping titled "Disabled are the most neglected: Report" appeared in Times of India, dated 8.2.2005 are given below:

(i)The utilization of funds is measured as difference in Revised Estimates and actual expenditure. Thus, the unspent amount for disability sector for the IX Plan was Rs.35.07 crores and not Rs.197.89 crores as reported. Further, for the schemes arising out of implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, the unspent amount was Rs.10.88 crores and not Rs.16.21 crores and for the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCD), Rs.1.56 crores and not Rs.5.99 crores. Major reasons for non-utilisation of funds were:

a)State Governments took time to formulate projects and set up mechanism for implementation.

b)The office of CCD could be set up only by the middle of the IX Plan due to administrative procedure involved in getting required clearances/ approvals.

(ii)Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 15.93 lakh children with disabilities of elementary school-going age group were identified in the country in 2004-05 of whom 10.77 lakh children had been enrolled in elementary schools.

(iii)According to the latest information available, the status of reservation against identified posts for persons with disabilities is given below:

As on 1.1.2000

Group of Posts	Total strength of the cadre in category	Number of posts identified employed	No. of persons with disabilities actually identified posts	% w.r.t.
1	2	3	4	5
A	57,643	4,305	134	3.07
B	73,851	4,652	205	4.41
C	16,07,243	1,67,863	6,307	3.76
D	9,60,025	1,04,578	3,329	3.18
Total	26,98,762	2,81,398	9,975	3.60

(iv)All the Central Ministries/ Departments have been requested to incorporate essential information on disability issues in their annual

reports.